

THE MARA RIANDA CHARITABLE TRUST

Financial statements

Year Ended 31 March 2023

Company No: 5035681

Charity No: 1102255

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The directors' present their report on the affairs of the company, together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Principal activity

The company was incorporated on 5 February 2004 and became a registered charity on 23 February 2004. Its principal activity is to advance education and relieve persons in need, hardship and distress anywhere in the world. It currently concentrates on the area around Mara Rianda, Maasai Mara, Kenya.

Members

The company's members are:

Colin Bird
Nigel Hollingsworth
Richard Long

Directors and their interests

The directors who served during the period are:

Colin Bird
Nigel Hollingsworth
Richard Long

During the period none of the directors had any beneficial interest in the company nor received any remuneration.

The directors are also trustees of the charity.

Secretary

The company secretary is Richard Long.

Registered Office

Castlegate House
36 Castle Street
Hertford
Hertfordshire
SG14 1HH

Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC
1 Churchill Place,
London
E14 5HP

Structure, Governance and Management

The company is limited by guarantee under which each member is liable to contribute such sum as required not exceeding £10. The directors and trustees act in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Objectives and Activities

The company is a charity and its objects are amongst other things to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Kenya and to advance education by such means as the trustees consider appropriate.

The public benefit of the charity is the funding of the building of education and health establishments, the supply of education, sports and medical equipment and the education of those in need.

Report

Funds are primarily raised through writing to various people regarding the Mara Rianda and Enkereri communities and their specific needs.

“Chalk Would Be a Miracle” is the slogan used for fund raising.

During the year ended 31 March 2023 further funds totalling £65,507 have been received. These funds and reserves, have been utilised to provide the Mara Rianda Primary School, and Enkereri Primary School in the Maasai Mara, Kenya and the local community with ongoing support. The charity has also been able to fund the building of a dormitory for girls and also one for boys at Enkereri Primary School,.

In conjunction with the Headteacher and school committee of the Mara Rianda and Enkereri Primary Schools we have provided bursaries for a further 16 pupils to meet their secondary school fees for the four year duration of secondary education. We have supported 190 children, including 70 girls, to go to secondary school, of which 138 have now completed their secondary education. In addition to date we have supported one student at university.

We continue to provide the financial support for five teachers, as well as replenishing the general school supplies; such as writing materials, books and sports equipment.

Results

The company's restricted net income for the year is a deficit of £10,762. Funds brought forward were utilised and the restricted funds at the year end amounted to £13,510. There was a deficit on unrestricted funds of £16,659.

In addition to the new dormitories at Enkereri Primary School and fence at Mara Rianda Primary School (at a cost this year of £40,711) the charity has funded, at the Mara Rianda and Enkereri primary schools, the provision of school supplies, support for teachers and the ongoing bursaries. The company has total reserves of £34,343.

We are looking to provide further support at the Mara Rianda and Enkereri primary schools, including further bursary's and supporting the local community. In addition funds are retained to ensure that those children who have received a bursary will have fees paid for the four year duration of their secondary education.

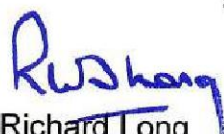
Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair value of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for the period. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The directors' are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

4 December 2023


Richard Long
Director and Secretary

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of The Mara Rianda Charitable Trust

I report on the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023, set out on the following two pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination it is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and

- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



12 December 2023

DAVID PATTMAN FCCA

1 Tower House, Tower Centre, Hoddesdon Hertfordshire EN11 8UR

THE MARA RIANDA CHARITABLE TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £		Restricted Funds £		2023 £	2022 £
Bank balances	20,833	£	13,510	£	34,343	61,190
	<u>20,833</u>		<u>13,510</u>		<u>34,343</u>	<u>61,190</u>
Representing:-						
Surplus/(deficit) for current period	(16,085)		(10,762)		(26,847)	(120,384)
Surplus brought forward	<u>36,918</u>		<u>24,272</u>		<u>61,190</u>	<u>181,574</u>
Funds	£ 20,833	£	13,510	£	34,343	£ 61,190

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 .

For the financial year ended 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386s and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD


Colin Bird (Director)
4 December 2023

THE MARA RIANDA CHARITABLE TRUST

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	<u>NOTES</u>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Income</u>					
Donations		28,801	19,692	48,493	26,244
Donations - Bursaries		-	10,379	10,379	10,639
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed		6,574	-	6,574	6,102
Gross Interest		61	-	61	22
		<u>35,436</u>	<u>30,071</u>	<u>65,507</u>	<u>43,007</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Secondary Education		(10,147)	(10,379)	(20,526)	(26,138)
Tertiary Education		-	(273)	(273)	-
School supplies & Equipment		(13,128)	-	(13,128)	(1,646)
Teachers support		(5,348)	-	(5,348)	(3,566)
Building projects	3	(10,530)	(30,181)	(40,711)	(119,840)
Repairs and maintenance		-	-	-	(1,462)
Sundry payments		(637)	-	(637)	(126)
Community support		(965)	-	(965)	(7,456)
Travel		(11,340)	-	(11,340)	(4,629)
		<u>(52,095)</u>	<u>(40,833)</u>	<u>(92,928)</u>	<u>(164,863)</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD		(16,659)	(10,762)	(27,421)	(121,856)
Surplus/(Deficit) on Foreign Exchange	4	574	-	574	1,472
		<u>(16,085)</u>	<u>(10,762)</u>	<u>(26,847)</u>	<u>(120,384)</u>
Balance brought forward		36,918	24,272	61,190	181,574
Total Funds carried forward at the end of the Financial Period		<u>£ 20,833</u>	<u>£ 13,510</u>	<u>£ 34,343</u>	<u>£ 61,190</u>

Notes

- 1 The company has no recognised gains or losses other than as stated in the Income and Expenditure account.
- 2 All company administration costs have been met externally.
- 3 The building of a dormitory for girls has been funded at Enkereri.
- 4 There have been considerable fluctuations on foreign exchange rates since 2010 ranging from £1 being worth from Kenyan Shillings (Ksh/=) 114.5 to 157.2. Historically we have used an exchange rate of £1=Ksh/=127. Over the last twelve months the rates have ranged from £1 being worth Ksh/=154.25 to 150.63. For these accounts a rate of £1 = Ksh/=143 has been used being the same as last year..

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report of The Mara Rianda Charitable Trust.

The charity's objectives are to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Kenya and such other parts of Africa or the world as the Trustees may think fit and also to advance education by such means as the Trustees may consider appropriate including by establishing and operating any educational establishment(s) in Kenya and such other parts of Africa or the world as the Trustees may think fit

The charity's strategies during this period were to assist both the Mara Rianda and Enkereri Primary Schools and the local community in the Mara Rianda, Maasai Mara, Kenya; in addition the continued support of students by way of educational bursaries.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association contain the provisions which regulate the purposes of the charity.

The members of the company are entitled to appoint new Trustees at a general meeting. The existing Trustees may recommend to the members the appointment of a new Trustee.

The Trustees will consider the amounts, if any, required for reserves in order to effectively meet the charity's designated needs and planned commitments.

In order to fulfil its objectives and strategy the charity received funds primarily by writing to persons who had expressed an interest in supporting the same as well as persons who potentially may support the charity.

During the year ended 31 March 2023 further funds totalling £65,507 have been received. From reserves we were able to fund the finalisation of the building of two dormitories at Enkereri Primary School. Funds have also been utilised to provide ongoing support to the Mara Rianda Primary School, Enkereri Primary School and two pre-schools in the Maasai Mara, Kenya as well as the local community.

In conjunction with the Headteacher and school committee of the Mara Rianda and Enkereri Primary Schools we have provided bursaries for a further 16 pupils to meet their secondary school fees for the four year duration of secondary education. To date we have supported 190 children, including 70 girls, to go to secondary school, of which 138 have now completed their secondary education. In addition to date we have supported one student at university.

We continue to provide financial support for five teachers, as well as replenishing general school supplies; such as writing materials, books and sports equipment.

The charity has reserves of £34,343 which will be used to meet the continuing costs of supporting Mara Rianda Primary School as well as Enkereri Primary School and the local community.

The charity's plans for the future include the continuing provision of bursaries to enable students to receive secondary education and to continue to provide the schools and local community with resources. We are considering the provision of a further boys dormitory, toilet facilities as well as continued assistance in the community.

We believe that our accounts are self-explanatory and show clearly how funds donated have been used. Whilst there was a deficit for the year ended 31 March 2023 this was funded from reserves. Funds retained will be used to meet the ongoing cost of providing bursaries, financial support for teachers and the provision of school supplies.

The Trustees are extremely grateful for the continued assistance of Governors' Camp in helping with all of the logistics in carrying out the charity's work in the Mara.

The Trustees are also extremely grateful for the continued assistance of Deloitte in Nairobi in providing local payment services.

It is acknowledged that the charity could not operate as efficiently as it does without the enormous support of Governors' Camp and Deloitte.



Colin Bird



Nigel Hollingsworth

Being all the Directors and Trustees



Richard Long

4 December 2023